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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON “CONSENSUS PLAN” FILED IN THE 800 MHZ PUBLIC SAFETY INTERFERENCE PROCEEDING

Comments Due September 23, 2002

On August 7, 2002, a group of seventeen parties¹ filed joint reply comments in the rule making proceeding, Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band – Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels, WT Docket No. 02-55. In their reply comments, these parties advanced, for the first time in the proceeding, a so-called “Consensus Plan,” proposing certain revisions to the 700 MHz, 800 MHz, and 1900 MHz bands. .

This “Consensus Plan” was submitted during the reply comment cycle of this rule making proceeding. In order to develop a full and complete record, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau issues this public notice seeking comment on the Consensus Plan. The Commission will accept such comments on or before September 23, 2002.

Interested parties may view the Consensus Plan on the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) using the following steps: (1) access ECFS at <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. (2) In the introductory screen, click on “Search for Filed Comments.” (3) In the “Proceeding” box, enter “02-55.” (4) In the “Filed on Behalf of” box, enter “Industrial Telecommunications Association.” (5) In the “Date Submitted” box, enter “08/07/2002.” In addition, the Consensus Plan will be available for inspection and duplication during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (RIC) of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of the Consensus Plan also may be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com. For further information regarding the public reference file for this Public

¹ The joint reply comments were filed by Aeronautical Radio, Inc., the American Mobile Telecommunications Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the Association of American Railroads, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials – International, Forest Industries Telecommunications, the Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc., the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Municipal Signal Association, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Major County Sheriffs Association, the National Sheriffs Association, Nextel Communications, Inc., the Personal Communications Industry Association, the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association and the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association.

Notice, contact Maria Ringold, Chief, Wireless Branch, RIC, (202) 418-1355, with reference to the DA number of this *Public Notice*.

Comments may be filed using the ECFS or by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rule Making Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1988). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number "02-55."

Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Ave., N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C., 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Action by Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.